

## Andrew Jackson to John Lambert, March 6, 1815, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### TO MAJOR-GENERAL LAMBERT.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Draft, in Livingston's handwriting. Printed in Latour, app., p. xciv.

New Orleans, March 6, 1815.

*Sir:* I have just received intelligence from Washington which leaves little Doubt in my mind that the treaty signed at Ghent between the U S. and G B has been ratified by the President and Senate of the U S. but by some unaccountable accident a Dispatch on another subject has been substituted for the one intended to give me official notice of this Event. The one I have recd. however is accompanied by an order from the Post Master Genl. directing his Deputies to forward the Express carrying intelligence of the recent peace. of this order I enclose a Copy, and from other scources to which I give credit I learn that the same Express brought official notice of the treaty to the Govr. of Tennessee.

I have Deemed it a Duty without loss of time to Communicate the exact state of these circumstances that you might Determine whether they would not justify you in agreeing by a cessation of all hostilities to anticipate the happy return of Peace between our two nations which the first Direct intelligence must bring to us in an official form.

The prisoners from Natchez after having been long Detained by adverse winds are now within a short Distance of the city and will Certainly proceed tomorrow morning to the Balize to be Delivered to your officer according to my promise

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I pray you with the assurance of my high respect to receive that of the satisfaction I feel in reflecting that our Correspondence begun as Commanders of hostile armies should terminate as officers of nations in amity

I have the honor